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SUBJ: SIAD EXPRESSES DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST

1. NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT ARNAUD DEBORCHGRAVE HAD A THREE HOUR INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT SIAD FEB 1. THE BURDEN OF SIAD'S MESSAGE IS STRONG CRITICISM OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST FOR FAILURE TO OPPOSE SOVIET ROLE IN THE HORN. PARAGRAPH 2 IS THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUMMARY NOTES MADE BY PAO CRAWFORD ON THE BASIS OF CONVERSATION WITH DEBORCHGRAVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INTERVIEW. DEBORCHGRAVE INDICATED HE WOULD PROVIDE EMBASSY A COPY OF THE FULL TEXT.

2. BEGIN INTERVIEW NOTES. (PRESIDENT SIAD IS THE SPEAKER);

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ACCEPTED THE SOVIET VIEW OF ETHIOPIA...

MOSCOW HAS AGAIN HOODWINKED THE U.S... THIS ALSO IMPLIES THAT U.S. INTEREST CORRESPOND WITH THOSE OF THE SOVIETS... RUSSIANS ARE ALLOWED TO COMMIT UNPRECEDENTED CRIMINAL ACTS WITHOUT FEAR OF CONDEMNATION...THE SOVIETS ARE TAKING THEIR REVENGE ON SOMALIA...DURING MY VISITS AND TALKS WITH OTHER HEADS OF STATE, THEY ALL TALKED OF THE UNRELIABILITY OF THE U.S...MARK MY WORDS, THE NEXT VICTIMS OF THE SOVIET AGGRESSION WILL BE OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS WHILE THE U.S. IS STILL SITTING ON ITS HANDS...THE OUTCOME OF MEETINGS OF THE FIVE WESTERN NATIONS PROVES THAT THEY HAVE COMPROMISED WITH THE SOVIETS; IN EFFECT, THEY SAID TO THE SOVIETS "DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO IN SOMALIA.." I SEE THE PRESENT SITUATION AS SIMILAR TO THAT OF JUST BEFORE WORLD WAR II. I HOPE YOU WILL WAKE UP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE... I SENT PRESIDENT CARTER AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TODAY...WHERE ARE THOSE WHO SAID THEY WOULDN'T STAND IDLY BY IF SOMALIA IS INVADED? WE ARE BEING INVADED NOW... WE ARE BEING BOMBED BY FOREIGN PILOTS, TRAINED PILOTS WHO ARE NOT ETHIOPIANS WHO COULD NOT HAVE LEARNED TO FLY THOSE PLANES IN A FEW WEEKS.

3. COMMENT: ANY MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER FROM PRESIDENT SIAD TRANSMITTED FEB 1 WAS NOT CONVEYED TO

THIS EMBASSY. ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY DOES NOT DOUBT THE BURDEN OF SIAD'S REMARKS IS ACCURATELY CONVEYED IN
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PARAGRAPH 2, EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES DEBORCHGRAVE'S LINE OF QUESTIONING WAS DESIGNED TO STIMULATE AS NEWS-WORTHY A STORY AS POSSIBLE.
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